

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *May 12th 2021*



Updates

Federal/Provincial/Territorial Response Plan for Ongoing Management of COVID-19 released:

The second edition of the [Federal/Provincial/Territorial Response Plan for Ongoing Management of COVID-19](#) has been released. The document was developed in collaboration with federal, provincial and territorial public health officials, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis partners, health system partners, and other stakeholders. It provides a common forward planning approach for the ongoing management of COVID-19 in Canada. The plan acknowledges jurisdictional roles and responsibilities, identifies when pan-Canadian approaches are anticipated, and when provincial and territorial flexibility and customization are expected. Partners are working together to ensure all Indigenous peoples, regardless of where they live, have access to support throughout the pandemic response, including prioritization for vaccines.

Indigenous Nursing Day and Nursing Week:

This week we celebrate Indigenous Nurses Day. Indigenous Nurses Day highlights the achievements of Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Métis nurses and recognizes their invaluable work improving the health and well-being of Canadians. Check out the [Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association's \(CINA\) Twitter account](#) for the latest news and issues impacting Canada's Indigenous nurses and the health-care system. You can also [visit their website](#). Additionally, May 10-16 is also National Nursing Week. The theme this year is #WeAnswerTheCall and was developed by the [Canadian Nurses Association](#) to showcase the many roles that nurses play in a patient's health-care journey. The pandemic has only solidified the heroic role these nurses –both Indigenous and non-Indigenous - play in keeping our communities and people safe. We cannot thank these selfless individuals enough for their continued sacrifice and service for the health of our current and future generations. We are grateful.

Question of the Day

Q: Why did Alberta stop giving first doses of AstraZeneca?

A: For your off-reserve members that may be concerned about the news regarding AstraZeneca not being administered. A determination was made to utilize the remaining supply as second doses or for those who cannot take Pfizer or Moderna. Alberta has administered approximately 255,000 first doses of AstraZeneca and 2,200 second doses. The remaining supply of about 8,400 doses will be used as second doses.

National Info

[Does your mask fit properly: new infographic](#)

[Indigenous Services Canada announces 2021 recipients of the Awards of Excellence in Nursing](#)

[Awareness resources and videos](#)

[Public health guidelines and get tested YouTube video with Dr Adams](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of May 11th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (May 10 th – 1,449 new cases)	211,836
AB Recovered Cases	184,719
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	8,112
On-reserve Recovered Cases	7,611
On-Reserve Active Cases	421
Calgary Zone Confirmed	85,682
Central Zone Confirmed	18,399
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	72,862
North Zone Confirmed	23,385
South Zone Confirmed	11,460
Unknown Confirmed	48
Deaths due to COVID-19	2,119
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	80
Variants of Concern Confirmed in Alberta	39,287

Green and Inclusive Community Buildings

Infrastructure Canada is currently accepting applications for retrofits and new building projects for community buildings. **Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis for projects under \$3 million and until July 6, 2021 for projects from \$3 million to \$25 million.** The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program aims to build more community buildings and improve existing ones – in particular in areas with populations experiencing higher needs – while also making the buildings more energy efficient, lower carbon, more resilient, and higher performing. All details available [here](#).

Regional Snapshot



More Alberta case data can be found [here](#)

Useful Links

MOH Telehealth Session TOMORROW:

Medical Officers of Health will provide a vaccine update as well as discussing hesitancy and other priorities as well as answering questions. **Thursday May 13th 1:30pm to 3:00pm**

- via Zoom, go to <https://fntn.zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 944 1878 0014 and Passcode: 672090
- from an audio line, dial 1-587-328-1099 and enter Meeting ID: 944 1878 0014 and Passcode: 672090
- from a videoconference-enabled room, go to www.fntn.ca to register

Questions can be submitted in advance of or during the presentation to VChelp@FNTN.ca, or via Zoom during the presentation.

This session will be recorded and posted to www.fntn.ca.

The Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic (AIVCC) UPDATED HOURS:

The Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic (AIVCC) serves individuals self-identifying as First Nations, Inuit and Métis and their families. AIVCC provides same-day care to rural and urban Indigenous people residing in Alberta via secure video or phone service and can be reached at 1-888- 342-4822 or www.aivcc.ca. They have recently updated their hours and are now [open late on Wednesdays](#).

Vaccine Update



Vaccine Snapshot

**as of May 10th **



36,985 doses of vaccine have been administered in **46 Nations** (bands) in Alberta.



At least **24,445** First Nations people have received their first dose.



At least **3,691** First Nations people aged 65 years and older living on-reserve or crown land have received their first dose.



At least **3,125** First Nations people aged 65 years and older have received two doses of the vaccine.



At least **12,540** First Nations people have received two doses of the vaccine.

All Albertans over 12 eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

Starting on Monday May 10, 2021, vaccine eligibility was expanded to include Albertans ages 12 to 29 (born in 2009 to 1992) - now all those 12 years above living in Alberta are eligible to receive vaccine. Those individuals 12-17 on-reserve will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine. The Moderna vaccine will continue to be available for all individuals 18 years of age and older. Everyone still requires two doses per person for optimal immunity to COVID-19. Health Canada first authorized this vaccine with conditions on December 9, 2020 and on May 5, 2021, the authorization was expanded to include individuals aged 12 to 15 after clinical trials indicated it was safe to do so. Pfizer is the only one approved by Health Canada for people who are 12 years of age and older. Trials are still underway to determine the safety of the other COVID-19 vaccines, like Moderna, in those under 18 years of age.

Government of Canada funds two new projects to encourage vaccine uptake in Canada:

The Minister of Health, announced an investment of \$2.25 million through the Immunization Partnership Fund (IPF) for two projects to support vaccination efforts. The Canadian Association of Science Centres, in partnership with COVID-19 Resources Canada and the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta, have created **ScienceUpFirst**, a project to address misinformation in Canada by giving Canadians the tools to spread science-based information about COVID-19 and vaccines. Drawing on a network of scientists, healthcare providers, and science communicators, this national initiative aims to debunk misinformation with credible COVID-19 facts, as well as reach vulnerable populations with culturally relevant and scientifically accurate COVID-19 information. The IPF also is supporting the University of Toronto's **CARD (C-Comfort, A-Ask, R-Relax, D-Distract)** System project, which addresses fear of needles among adults through pain management. Using proven best practices, this initiative will design and implement pain mitigation strategies for adults during vaccination to reduce their fears and encourage them to get vaccinated. The information and strategies developed through this project will be shared among health care networks, and the general public, to help people feel more comfortable when it's their turn to get vaccinated. Details available [here](#).